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HEADQUARTERS
6TH MEDICAL CENTER (CONVALESCENT)
APO 96312

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24 November 1966

SUBJECT: Operational Report on Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period
Ending 31 October 1966 (RCS 68CPO-28 (R+))

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TO: Commanding Officer
43d Medical Group
APO 96240

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Section I. Significant Organizational Activities

Two organizational changes have taken place since the close of the last report period. In September 66, it was found that the concept of four reconditioning companies of equal strength was not feasible in the treatment and reconditioning of malaria patients. Activities of patients in the treatment section were found to be more properly supervised by the nursing service with minimum administrative assistance while the reconditioning patients were almost entirely under administrative control during the reconditioning and observation period. The organization was ther. altered to set up a treatment company consisting of a Commanding Officer, First Sergeant, and clerk; the Reconditioning Company was set up with a Commanding Officer, 2 Platoon Leaders, a First Sergeant, 2 Platoon Sergeants, and 2 clerks. If personnel were available, a third platoon would be considered. The reconditioning/physical therapy capability has now been combined with the special services activity (not in TOE auth) to form the Physical Activity Section. This section would be responsible to serve both companies as needed with the reconditioning, physical therapy and organized sports and entertainment. The above has proved to be the most workable arrangement as long as the patient load continues to be malaria.

On 19 October 1966, a letter was received from the 44th Medical Brigade attaching a new general order, GO #144, HQ, USARPAC, dated 23 June 1966, which redesignated the unit as the 6th Medical Center (Conv) and reduced the unit strength, particularly EM. The net reduction of authorized personnel was 103 which included 16 Clinical Specialist (E7/E6), 4 Laboratory Specialist (E6/E4), 1 Pharmacy Specialist (E6), and 50 Corpsmen (E4). A NTOE is now being prepared and should be submitted NLT 1 December 1966.

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SECTION II

Part I. Lessons Learned

Item. Mail Room

Discussion: The unit TOE provides for only one mail room specialist, SP5 71L20; no mail personnel or equipment is provided for handling patient mail. Until recently, clerks were diverted from other sections in the unit to set up a properly staffed unit post office and mail distribution room for patients. This arrangement proved to be unsatisfactory so the unit mail room was enlarged to include handling of patient mail. Package mailing and money orders were also a problem since patients and personnel had to be transported to Cam Ranh Bay to acquire these services. The problem was solved however by arranging to have 575th APU personnel at the unit post office Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 0900 - 1115 hours. Although not entirely sufficient, this relieves the problem greatly.

OBSERVATIONS: With the latest change, the mail operation is much improved and redirects which are always a problem with transients, are now very much up to date.

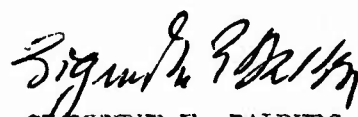
Item: Weatherproofing for Tropical Frame Structures.

Discussion: The ridge vent on the 20'x10' tropical wooden frame structures used for patients billets admits rainwater the length of the building during heavy rain. A burlap curtain was nailed to the weatherside of the ridge cap, outside, hanging down to the roof, running the length of the building. The bottom edge of this burlap strip is left free, resting on the roof. Thus the burlap is free to move in the breeze in good weather but remains in place when rainsoaked in heavy weather, acting as a rainshield along the length of the ridge vent.

OBSERVATIONS: Patient billets no longer leak at the center line.

Part II. Recommendations:

None

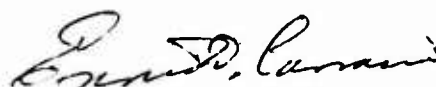

SIGMUNDUR E. DALBERG
LTC, MC.
Commanding

AVCA-MB-GA-OI (24 Nov 66) 1st Ind
SUBJECT: Operational Report on Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period
Ending 31 October 1966 (RCS ~~GAGPO-28~~ (R1)
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Headquarters, 43d Medical Group, APO 96240, 25 November 1966

TO: Commanding Officer, 44th Medical Brigade, ATTN: AVCA-MB-PO,
APO 96307

Forwarded herewith is Operational Report on Lessons Learned for
Quarterly Period Ending 31 October 1966 for 6th Medical Center (Conv-
alescent), APO 96312 which is concurred in.



ENRICO D CARRASCO
COL, MC
Commanding

AVCA-MB-PO (24 Nov 66)

2nd Ind

SUBJECT: Operational Report on Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period
Ending 31 October 1966 (RCS CSFOR-65)

HEADQUARTERS, 44th Medical Brigade, APO 96307, 3 December 1966

TO: Commanding General, 1st Logistical Command, ATTN: AVCA-GO-0,
APO 96307

1. Reference Section I, paragraph 2, basic report. A letter has been dispatched to Headquarters USARPAC questioning the redesignation of this facility. This action is believed to be in error, as the TOE under which the unit is organized designates the unit as a convalescent center. The reduction in personnel directed by the cited general order places this unit in the position of being incapable of performing its mission. A request will be made concurrent with the submission of a MTOE for authorization to immediately requisition personnel based on the recommended modification of the TOE.

2. Reference Section II, Part I, item concerning Mail Room, basic report. This deficiency in the TOE for this unit concerning the need for additional mail personnel to handle patient mail has been clearly demonstrated and recommended changes will be included in the MTOE.

3. Concur with all other comments as contained in the basic report and 1st Indorsement.

R. L. Miller
RAY L. MILLER
Colonel, MC
Commanding

AVCA GO-O (24 Nov 66) 3d Ind
SUBJECT: Operational Report for Quarterly Period Ending 31 October 1966
(RCS CSFOR-65)

Headquarters, 1st Logistical Command, APO 96307 9DEC 1966

TO: Deputy Commanding General, United States Army, Vietnam, ATTN: AVHGC-DH,
APO 96307


1. The Operational Report - Lessons Learned submitted by the 6th Medical Center (Convalescent) for the quarter ending 31 October 1966 is forwarded herewith.

2. The 6th Medical Center engaged in combat support operations for 92 days during the reporting period.

3. Concur with the basic report as modified by the comments contained in the preceding indorsements. The report is considered adequate.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

TEL: LYNX 782/930



GLENN A. DOYLE
Capt, AGC
Asst. AG

AVHGC-DH (24 Nov 66)

4th Ind

SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the Period Ending
31 October 1966 (RCS CSFOR-65)

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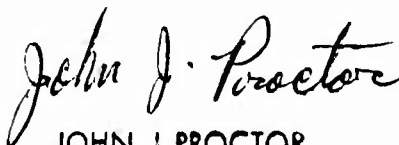
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96307

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-OT -
APO 96558

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the period ending 31 October 1966 from Headquarters, 6th Medical Center (Convalescent) as indorsed.

2. Concur with the basic report as modified by the previous indorsements.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



JOHN J. PROCTOR
Captain . AGC
Asst Adjutant General

GPOP-OT(24 Nov 66)

5th Ind

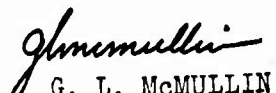
SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the Period Ending
31 October 1966 (RCS CSFOR-65)

HQ, US ARMY, PACIFIC, APO San Francisco 96558 26 JAN 1967

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the
Army, Washington, D. C. 20310

1. This headquarters concurs in the basic report as indorsed.
2. Reference paragraph 1, 2d Indorsement GO 144 Headquarters
USARPAC, dated 23 June 1966 is in error. Accordingly, the GO has been
amended to show the unit designation as "6th Convalescent Center".

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:


G. L. McMULLIN
CPT, AGC
Asst AG

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